

Subject: Right of the landholder to exercise his choice retention of land within a ceiling limit under section 8(2)(iii) of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

Housing and Special Assistance Department,  
Circular No. ULC:1080/(207)/D-XXXV(V),  
Mantralaya, Bombay : 400 032.

Dated: 24 April, 1984.

READ: 1) Government Circular, General Administration Department No. ULC:1080/(207)/D. XXXV(V), dated the 5th June, 1980.

11) Government Circular, Housing and Special Assistance Department No. CRT:1081/Writ Petition/873(9)/D.XVII, dated the 9th February 1982.

### C I R C U L A R

In amplification of orders issued under Government Circular Housing and Special Assistance Department No. CRT: 1081/Writ Petition/873(9)/D.XVII, dated the 9th February, 1982 and taking into consideration the judgement delivered by the Bombay High Court in the Writ Petition No. 873 of 1979 relating to the case of Govardn Lal Nandlal Kumar V/s. State of Maharashtra, Government is pleased to issue following instructions for the guidance of all Competent Authorities under the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976.

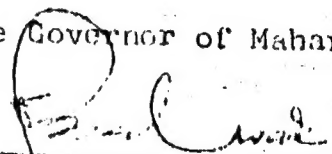
1. Under Section 8(2)(iii) of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976, the landholder is required to give his choice of land which he desires to retain, within the ceiling limit.
2. The choice to retain the land so exercised by the landholder is not an empty formality, and the Competent Authority cannot deprive the landholder of his choice merely on the ground that the exercise of this choice may

not be suitable to Government.

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The Competent Authority should, therefore, carefully scrutinise the choice exercised by the landholder and take appropriate decision.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

  
( P. W. Malwade ), 26/4/59  
Under Secretary to Government.

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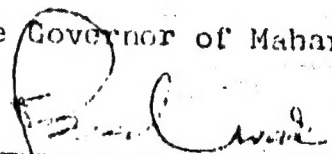
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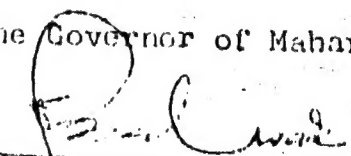
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